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Children's Day Celebrates Cultural Diversity

Celebrate cultural diversity at Hidden Oak's Nature Center's Children's Day on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 1 to 4:30 pm. Local community performers will spotlight their home countries through dance, song and crafts at this Fairfax County Park Authority facility.

Four countries will be showcased during the second annual Children's Day celebration. Students in the West African Culture Club of Annandale High School will demonstrate native dances from that region. The Kuchipudi Classical India Dance from the India International School will perform. In addition, students will play the mridangam, an Indian percussion instrument, and an Indian classical style violin. Prior to their performance, the audience will be serenaded with two songs from India.

The community will also have a chance to learn the subtle differences between Irish and Scottish dancing. James Maxwell and his Patchwork Dancers will entertain visitors with the art of clogging and Irish dancing. The Northern Virginia branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will step out in style as they demonstrate Scotland's finest footwork.

Between the performances, familie will have the chance to continue learning about the various represented cultures by creating crafts and playing games from the different countries. To register call 703-941-1065. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$4 per person. Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street, Annandale, Virginia.

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